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## Water & Waste Disposal Grant Approved for Town of Marlinton

**Morgantown, WV – May 22, 2006:** State Director Robert M. Steptoe, III, today announced that **Rural Development** approved a Water and Waste Disposal Grant of \$1,850,000 for the Town of Marlinton, Pocahontas County, WV.

Rural Development funds will be used to extend public water service to approximately 200 new customers north of the Town of Marlinton.

Specific areas to be served include homes along Airport Road, Brownsburg Road Woodrow Road and Back Mountain Road.

"The current water source in these areas has experienced a decline in quantity due to a recent increase in residential building. This project will help eliminate this problem," remarked Steptoe.

Construction will consist of a new water booster station, a new 100,000 gallon water storage tank and approximately 17 miles of waterline.

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